

**Regional Dredging Teams Meeting
February 9-10, 2005
Historic Inns of Annapolis
Annapolis, MD**

Day 1

1:00 – 2:00

Welcome and overview of dredging in the US

- Welcome
Barry Holliday (Co-Chair, National Dredging Team)
Craig Vogt (Co-Chair, National Dredging Team)
- Official Welcome
Diane Regas, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA
- Meeting Objectives
- Progress Report: Dredging in the US: *Barry Holliday (US Army Corps of Engineers)*
- Overview of the Action Agenda and Ocean Commission Report: *Craig Vogt (EPA)*

2:00 – 5:00

Reports by Regional Dredging Teams

RDT representatives will have 15 minutes to provide an overview of their activities.

Objective

Provide an overview of past successes, lessons learned, current activities, issues and next steps.

(3:15 – 3:30 Break)

Day 2

8:30 – 9:30

Panel 1: Developing outreach and enhancing involvement of states, cities and local government in RDT activities

Panel on successes and lessons learned

Moderator – David Kaiser (NOAA – Oceans and Coastal Resource Management)

Panelists:

- *Suzanne Dietrick (NJ Department of Environmental Protection): Coordinating with states, cities and local government on regulations*
- *Greg DuCote (LA Department of Natural Resources): Outreach plans*
- *Steve Goldbeck (San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission): Involving Coastal Zone Management stakeholders*

Objectives:

- Outline goals and steps in outreach plans.
- RDT experience developing outreach plans and involving stakeholders.

- Case study: Involving CZM stakeholders.

Action Agenda Recommendation addressed:

- Recommendation #20: RDTs should involve stakeholders and develop outreach plans.

9:30 – 10:15 **Panel 2: Dredged Material Management Plans and Local Planning Groups: Moving Toward Watershed Sediment Management Plans**

Panel on experiences coordinating with LPGs and fostering DMMPs

Moderator – Elizabeth Kim (EPA – Oceans and Coastal Protection Division)

Panelists :

- *Lawrence Kieck (WI Department of Transportation): Superior Land Use Plan*
- *David Dwinnell (US Army Corps of Engineers – San Francisco District): San Francisco Long Term Management Strategy.*
- *John Torgan (Save the Bay): Coordinating with Local Planning Groups*

Objectives:

- Defining DMMPs and LPGs in the RDT context.
- DMMPs and watershed planning.
- Operation and planning of an LPG.
- Case study: RDT implementation of DMMP.

Action Agenda Recommendation addressed:

- Recommendation #21: Facilitate establishment of LPGs to develop Dredged Material Management Plans and to assess local issues.

10:15 – 10:30 *Break*

10:30 – 11:00 **Panel 3: Charters, scope and membership**

Panel on enhancing RDT effectiveness

Moderator – Victoria Pebbles (Great Lakes Commission)

Panelists:

- *Jim Reese (US Army Corps of Engineers – Northwest Division): Charters and Structure*
- *Mel Côté (EPA – Region 1): Members and Scale*

Objectives:

- Why a charter?
- Determining and re-evaluating scope, roles, responsibilities, and accountability.
- Case study: Membership, scale and an effective RDT.

Action Agenda Recommendation addressed:

- Recommendation #19: Ensuring each RDT has charter and appropriate representation for its regional scale.

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel 4: New Perspectives on sediment management and innovations in beneficial use**

Panel discussion on regional experiences and coordination

Moderator – Molly Madden (EPA – Oceans and Coastal Protection Division)

Panelists:

- *Lynn Martin (US Army Corps of Engineers – Institute for Water Resources): Regional Sediment Management*
- *Tom Chase (Moffatt and Nichol): Coordinating Multiple Projects and Sponsors in Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material*
- *Jerry Bernard (USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service): Elements of Sediment Planning*

Objectives:

- Financing beneficial use: Coordination and integration to leverage potential funding.
- System approaches to sediment management.
- RDT role – consistency, scope and application.

Action Agenda Recommendations addressed:

- Recommendation #10: Develop dredged material plans that address sediment management in watershed management context.
- Recommendation #11: Identify key elements of sediment management and incorporate into LPG guidance.

12:00 – 1:00 *Lunch speaker: Environmental Windows – Doug Clarke (US Army Corps – Research and Development Center)*

1:30 – 2:00 **Planning for dredged material management in a watershed context**

Planning, objectives and context for a national conference

Moderator – Elizabeth Kim (EPA – Oceans and Coastal Protection Division)

Barry Holliday (Co-Chair, National Dredging Team)

Craig Vogt (Co-Chair, National Dredging Team)

Objectives:

- Discuss purpose/objectives of national conference on sediment management.
- Move towards integrated sediment and watershed management.

Action Agenda Recommendation addressed:

- Recommendation #12: Sponsor national workshop on sediment management with LPGs to share successes and lessons learned.

2:00 – 3:00 **Working Group Session: Creating an effective forum for dredged material management planners**

Working group session to determine relevant topics and format for a national conference on dredged material management in watershed context.

Objective:

- Define watershed from your perspective.
- Identify steps to integrating sediment and watershed management.
- Identify potential topics of interest for national conference.
- Identify relevant stakeholders who should be involved.

3:00 – 3:15 *Break*

3:15 – 3:45 **Summary of planning sessions**

*Moderator – David Redford (EPA – Oceans and Coastal Protection Division)
and Lynn Martin (US Army Corps of Engineers – Institute for Water
Resources)*

3:45 – 4:00 **Closing remarks**

*Future plans and objectives for RDTs and NDT
Barry Holliday (US Army Corps of Engineers)
Craig Vogt (EPA)*